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28 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, *et al.*, v. DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as President of the United States, *et al.*, Defendants.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

27 Case No. 3:25-cv-03070-JD

DECLARATION OF BOYD HINTON

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I, Boyd Hinton declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and competent to give this declaration. This declaration is based on my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

2. I am the President of Local 1998 of the National Federation of Federal Employees ("NFFE"). NFFE is a national labor organization and unincorporated membership organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.

3. NFFE Local 1998 represents approximately 1,606 employees working at Passport Services, a division of the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs at the Department of State. We represent passport specialists whose duties include verifying and processing millions of U.S. passport applications each year for American citizens.

4. NFFE Local 1998 represents approximately 125 employees in California, approximately 52 of whom work at the San Francisco Passport Agency, and approximately 25 of whom pay dues. Their work is primarily determining the citizenship and identity of applicants for U.S. Passports.

5. NFFE Local 1998 has filed grievances on Trump administration policies including the “5 points” email, the return to in-office work, and the termination of employees while on probation and on trial periods.

6. NFFE represents our federal sector members through negotiating collective bargaining agreements and assisting employees with enforcing them. We assert contractual and statutory rights on behalf of our federal sector members by filing grievances, unfair labor practice charges, or other complaints through our negotiated grievance procedure or with various federal agencies, including the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special

1 Counsel, and the Federal Labor Relations Authority. NFFE files litigation on employees'
2 behalf in the courts. We also advocate on Capitol Hill and in the media on issues of
3 importance to federal workers and to veterans.

4 7. NFFE's operations are solely funded by members, who almost exclusively pay dues
5 through Agency dues withholding. NFFE will be financially harmed if the Executive Order is
6 implemented because it will immediately lose dues revenue from members who are covered by
7 the Executive Order. In that event, NFFE would immediately lose hundreds of thousands of
8 dollars of revenue. NFFE currently does not have a mechanism to maintain membership of
9 union members who leave federal service.

11 8. On Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6:42 PM, Bradley Phillips, Deputy Labor
12 Management Negotiator for Passport Services within the Department of State, emailed as
13 follows:

14 a. "On Thursday, March 27, 2025, the President issued an Executive Order (EO),
15 entitled "Exclusions from Federal Labor-Management Relations Programs." In
16 compliance with the EO, effective immediately, the Department hereby terminates
17 the Collective Agreement with NFFE Local 1998 and will no longer recognize
18 NFFE as an exclusively recognized labor organization.

20 b. The Department will cease all further payroll dues allotments immediately.
21 Additionally, all recurring meetings between NFFE and the Department, both at
22 the local and national levels, are cancelled. Official time for all officials and
23 stewards will end at close of business today. All employees will be expected to
24 return to their regular positions at that time.

26 c. NFFE must also remove all material from and vacate Department-provided office

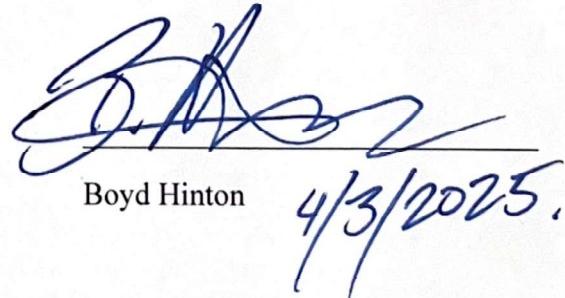
space by COB April 4."

9. NFFE's ability to carry out its mission will be severely curtailed if union members
10 do not pay dues to NFFE through Agency dues withholding. For example, NFFE would not
11 have the ability to maintain its current staff, who help with training union leaders, assisting
12 with grievances, negotiating collective bargaining agreements, advocating for employees on
13 Capitol Hill, and filing litigation on behalf of the employees we represent.

14 10. NFFE members pay dues voluntarily as federal employees.

15 11. We have heard from members who are concerned about NFFE losing strength and
16 bargaining power because of the threat of diminished membership and smaller bargaining
17 units. NFFE leverages its size when advocating in the media or to Congress and when
18 bargaining with agencies. The Executive Order stands to reduce NFFE's size and capacity,
19 thereby curbing our abilities to advocate for positive change for federal workers.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
21 true and correct. Executed April 3, 2025, in Charleston, South Carolina



Boyd Hinton
4/3/2025.